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Mr. Effa Manley
Newark Eagles
71 Crawford Street
Newark, N. J.

My dear Mr. Manley:

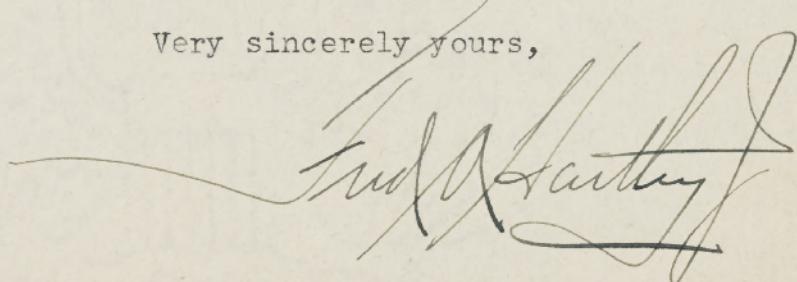
I wish to acknowledge your letter of April 15, inviting me to attend the opening of the National Negro Baseball League on Sunday, May 16.

I appreciate very much your thoughtfulness in inviting me to attend this game, and hope that I will be able to be present. The Congressional schedule is so uncertain, and as you realize, so vital, that I am unable to predict so far in advance whether or not I will be able to return to New Jersey for that weekend.. However, if the Congressional schedule will permit, I will most certainly be in attendance.

While I have not had the pleasure of witnessing any of your League games, I have followed your activities through the box scores as published in our newspapers. I am an ardent baseball fan, and as you may know, have supported teams representing my Athletic Association for the past twenty years.

I hope that your League will have a very successful season, and that the Newark Eagles will give a good account of themselves.

Very sincerely yours,



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